



28 February 2025

HUD2025-006306

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

On 30 January 2025 Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) received your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*provide details of the social and public rental housing in the town of Kawakawa & Moerewa, northland. The details required are*

- 1. Number of homes owned/managed by MHUD and KO*
- 2. Their age and year of construction i.e. 20 built in 1963, 30 built in 1980 etc*
- 3. Any valuations done in the last four years, just a simple spreadsheet is fine, not the actual valuation document*
- 4. Ownership history if known ie. was it say an orchard owner, Iwi, council etc*
- 5. Has any contamination been found?*

Your request was transferred to the Ministry and Kāinga Ora by the Department of Internal Affairs, as the information requested would be held by these agencies. I understand that Kāinga Ora will respond with respect to the properties that they own.

Regarding question one of your request, *Number of homes owned/managed by MHUD and KO*, the Ministry does not own any social homes outright. Funding for social housing from the Ministry comes in the form of an Income-Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) paid to Community Housing Providers (CHPs), who own or lease the properties that are used for social housing.

The Ministry holds records relating to the contracts for payment of the IRRS, and those contracts specify, amongst other things, that the places used for social housing must meet the Healthy Homes Standards. The Ministry does not hold comprehensive property records about the properties themselves as we are not the actual owners.

There are five IRRS funded social homes provided by CHPs in Kawakawa and none in Moerewa, as at the end of December 2024. Please note that our providers will occasionally have properties empty in between tenancies for repairs and maintenance, so this count is of the active tenancies at that time.

The Ministry do not hold information related to questions two through five of your request, so we are therefore refusing these parts under section 18(e) of the Act on the grounds the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Winton', written in a cursive style.

Joseph Winton

**Manager, Data and Products**

**Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development**